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Students hold signs outside of the Dalhousie Student Union Building as part of The Students Are Coming: A Travelling Festival for a Better Education on Tuesday. Students began at the University of King's College, then walked to Dalhousie and Saint Mary's and ended at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

More job losses strike HRM

Xerox Canada. Latest company to downsize local operations cuts 48 employees

Although Xerox Canada has joined BlackBerry and Convergys as the third business to lay off HRM workers this month, a local expert says this isn't a reason to worry about the city's economy.

On Tuesday, Xerox spokesperson John Quinn confirmed 48 people are being laid off from the customer contact centre in Burnside. He said some employees were dismissed Tuesday, while others were given 30 or 60 days notice. That leaves 135 employees at the location.

"Decisions like this obviously are never taken lightly and we're grateful to those employees for their service," Quinn said.

Quinn said the company decided to downsize after looking at their 2014 business plan. The



decrease will ensure the "appropriate level of resources are in place" to support their business clients, he said.

Cindy Roberts, a spokeswoman for Nova Scotia Business Inc., says Xerox had three payroll rebates from the agency between 2002 and 2012. Roberts said the current payroll rebate — effective from 2012 until 2017 — hasn't been used by the company to date. However, Xerox is still eligible for the payroll subsidies if it meets growth targets in the future.

BlackBerry closed their Bedford office on Oct. 11, putting about 350 people out of work.

Then last week, Convergys shut its doors after 15 years in Dartmouth, laying off 130 workers.

Lars Osberg, economics professor at Dalhousie University, said it's not unusual for contact centres to "come and go," and the closures don't signal a downturn in Halifax's economy — especially since BlackBerry has "problems of their own."

"The big picture is fairly positive over the medium term," Osberg said, citing projects like the shipbuilding contract and downtown development.

Osberg said although the recovery from the 2008 recession has been "lackluster," it's better than slipping backward. He said it's also a good sign the city has unemployment rates below the national average.

"Halifax is a diverse economy with a lot of niche services and a manufacturing sector, and I think that'll just continue," Osberg said. "Compared to other Canadian cities of ... the same size, we're doing fine." **HALEY RYAN/METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Region-wide transit fee plan to get another look

Tax philosophy.

Better to spread pain around or have people pay for their own area?



RUTH DAVENPORT
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A proposed region-wide development charge to pay for transit improvements won't be coming to HRM just yet.

Halifax regional council voted Tuesday to send the proposed bylaw to its own Committee of the Whole for further consultation.

At issue was the staff recommendation to impose a development charge (DC) on every building permit in the urban and suburban areas, rather than a capital cost charge (CCC) that pays for service improvements in the same area as the development.

"The problem with what came forward is that people would be paying it in their area,

Optics

This is "more of a capital cost tax grab versus a contribution where new infrastructure is needed."

Coun. Tim Outhit

and it would be spent potentially nowhere in their area," said Coun. Tim Outhit after a lengthy debate Tuesday. "It started to look like a tax grab rather than a development charge or growth charge that would help us fund things that we need faster."

The charge was \$882 per single-family home and \$0.69 per square foot for non-residential buildings.

City staffers said the decision to implement a DC arose from the principle that investing in the transit system improves its capacity, which benefits both users and non-users.

But Outhit said some HRM residents are already paying for transit that way through general taxes and the transit rate.



Commuters board a bus in Dartmouth on Tuesday. Coun. Tim Outhit says some HRM residents are already paying for transit outside their area through taxes and the transit rate. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"Imagine paying for, when you bought a house, another \$800 for transit only to be told, 'Sorry, you have no transit in your area,'" he said.

The head of the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association said

he was pleased with council's decision to give the proposed bylaw another look.

"We don't want to see more taxes, but at least there's a semblance here of ... direct benefit," said Paul Pettipas. "If a

homeowner gets a benefit, they should expect to pay. Development will pay its fair share."

Outhit said the debate is expected to come to council's Committee of the Whole in the next month or so.

Council to join affordable-housing crusade



Mayor Mike Savage JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax regional councillors agreed enthusiastically — at the mayor's urging — to join an effort to address affordable housing and homelessness.

Mayor Mike Savage stepped down as chair of council Tuesday to table a motion endorsing HRM's involvement in a United Way partnership.

"This is an issue that affects every citizen in HRM — some

directly, some indirectly, some very directly — that we have to deal with," Savage told council.

Though affordable housing is delivered and administered by the province, Savage said the municipality can be doing more to promote it.

"I would simply say that it is folly ... to suggest the municipality has no role in housing," he said.

Some councillors echoed the concern about getting involved in a provincial matter.

"I want to make sure that we support this within the mandate and not look for other authorities or power to expand our scope," said Coun. David Hendsbee. "If you ask me, we have a lot on our plate already."

Several councillors said HRM can promote affordable

housing through land-use policies and incentives for developers, but also said the municipality should get involved because it's the right thing to do.

"I'm tired of hearing 'It's not our mandate,'" said Coun. Gloria McCluskey. "Morally, it is our mandate. I think we owe that to the people out there ... who are struggling to survive."

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Protesters storm Nova Scotia Power headquarters

Outsourcing. Hundreds of union members march over possibility of job losses



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Over 200 protestors waved flags and chanted as they stormed into the Nova Scotia Power headquarters Tuesday morning to protest possible job outsourcing by the corporation.

Just before 11:30 a.m., a group from the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour (NSFL) members and other unions marched from a NSFL convention at the Westin Halifax to

the NSP building on Lower Water Street before marching inside.

"Power, power, power to the people," the crowd cheered inside the lobby, the words echoing around the steel beams and high ceiling as workers looked down from the upper floors.

On Oct. 17, NSP announced it was considering the outsourcing of services in the name of reducing costs to ratepayers.

The power corporation has issued a request for proposals for the maintenance and operation of Tufts Cove and the maintenance of several other plants, along with some line work and meter reading.

"We will not stand by to see this happen to our workers, and to our economy," NSFL president Rick Clarke told protesters.

Jeff Richardson of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1928, said the lines of communication are open with the corporation but the union hasn't had any meetings with NSP.

Richardson said it's important to protest because Nova



Union members demonstrate inside the lobby of Nova Scotia Power on Tuesday morning. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Scotians have the right to know "what's going on here."

"If the power goes out at

three o'clock in the morning, there's a liability and the service in Nova Scotia is going to suffer," Richardson said.

NSP has said it doesn't know whether the outsourcing will mean job losses. A decision won't be made until 2014.

The Nova Scotia Federation of Labour says if outsourcing goes through, the job losses will be in the hundreds.

Quoted
"This is just the first volley."

Nova Scotia Federation of Labour President Rick Clarke about Tuesday's protest.

Man charged after woman awakes to find intruder in her bedroom

A 62-year-old man with close to 200 criminal convictions is facing charges after a woman awoke to find an intruder in her south-end Halifax apartment early Tuesday morning.

Police say the man was rummaging through the victim's belongings in her bedroom when she awoke around 3:30 a.m.

The suspect immediately fled the apartment in the 1200

block of South Park Street. Police say the man stole the victim's purse and personal identification.

Officers arrived a short time later and began searching for the suspect, who was found hiding under a nearby staircase. Police also found the woman's purse.

Police say the accused entered the apartment through an unlocked door.

By the numbers

296

The number of charges either withdrawn, dismissed or acquitted against Robert George Wilson.

"We don't believe it was targeted," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

Robert George Wilson, a 62-year-old Halifax man, is charged with break and enter, trespass by night, theft under \$5,000 and possession of stolen property under \$5,000.

According to Chris Hansen of the province's Public Prosecution Service, Wilson has 198 criminal convictions, including for break and enter, theft and uttering threats.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Eastern Passage. Halifax cop facing more charges

A Halifax Regional Police officer charged with sexual assault is again facing charges of breaching a court undertaking after he was accused of drinking outside his Eastern Passage home this summer.

These new charges against Const. Chris Mosher relate to an incident alleged to have occurred on July 7. The RCMP were called following a complaint from the public.

He will be in court Nov. 20.

Last month, Mosher was charged with two counts of

breaching a court undertaking by the province's Serious Incident Response Team for allegedly drinking outside of his home and being in the presence of a woman who is not a relative.

Mosher, 30, was first charged by SIRT in February with sexual assault and administering a noxious thing with intent to aggrieve after an alleged incident last November.

Mosher continues to be suspended without pay by HRP.

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Aquaculture

Reef balls looking to help marine life

Clean Nova Scotia has gotten the ball rolling on improving local fish populations with a new initiative for Halifax Harbour.

On Tuesday, the organization launched the Atlantic Reef Ball Program, which places cement structures on



A reef ball CONTRIBUTED

the ocean floor in order to create marine life in shallow waters.

According to a release, reef balls come in Layer Cake and

Pallet styles.

Irving Shipbuilding has partnered with Clean Nova Scotia to support the project, and installed 100 reef balls around the harbour to increase habitat diversity.

"We see this innovative program as a great opportunity to have a positive effect on Nova Scotia's natural environment," said Chris Morrissey, executive director of Clean Nova Scotia. METRO

St. Pat's-Alexandra

Developer sues HRM over botched sale

The developer who was initially the successful bidder on a shuttered school before the sale was voided by a court decision is now suing HRM over the process. Joe Metlege of Jono Developments Inc. filed documents in Nova Scotia Supreme Court Monday.

Regional council awarded the vacant St. Pat's-Alexandra school property to Metlege in 2012 over the protests of community groups who said the municipality hadn't followed its own processes for disposal of surplus properties by giving non-profit organizations a chance to bid first. A court appeal quashed the sale. An HRM spokesperson said the municipality is weighing its options. METRO

Inmate injured

N.S. prison locked down again

The prison in Springhill is in its second lockdown in a month following the violent assault of an inmate. Prison spokeswoman Shannon Oickle confirmed the alleged incident occurred at about 8:30 p.m. on Monday.

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Filing. No looming deadlines for decision on Maritime Link: Younger

Nova Scotia's new energy minister says the province's energy regulator is not constrained by any looming deadlines as it considers a complex commercial agreement that has become a linchpin for the proposed \$1.5-billion Maritime Link project.

Andrew Younger, sworn in as minister only last week, was responding to calls by Nova Scotia's consumer and small-business advocates for more time to study the so-called compliance filing before they have to submit evidence by Friday for public hearings next week.

Younger's department submitted a letter Tuesday to the Utility and Review Board that says the board can establish any time frame it deems appropriate.

"There are no provisions in the Maritime Link Act that put a deadline on the board for making a decision on the compliance filing," Younger said in an interview.

"I wanted that on the record so that the board and the interveners were aware there

Response

The Opposition Progressive Conservatives issued a statement Tuesday accusing Andrew Younger of being too timid by failing to call for an extension.

are no constraints on the part of the Department of Energy or government in terms of how this decision is made."

The board is expected to decide whether to extend the process on Wednesday.

Younger's view stands in contrast to that of Emera Inc., the Nova Scotia energy company behind the plan to build a subsea transmission cable that would ship hydroelectricity from the Muskrat Falls project from Newfoundland to Nova Scotia.

Emera also submitted a letter to the board Tuesday, insisting that a quick decision is necessary because any delay could lead to higher financing and contract costs.

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Media. Steele joins CBC Nova Scotia as analyst

Former finance minister Graham Steele is becoming a news analyst for CBC Nova Scotia.

The public broadcaster announced on Tuesday that Steele will provide commentary and analysis for CBC News Nova Scotia, CBC Radio and CBC online.

He will make his first TV appearance in his new capacity this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

"I'm thrilled to have the chance to work regularly with the CBC team, to help Nova Scotians better understand what's really going on in provincial politics," Steele said in a CBC release.

Steele is a former NDP



Graham Steele
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MLA. He was elected four times in the riding of Halifax-Fairview before deciding not to reoffer in the 2013 election. METRO

Liberals

Harris named premier's director of communications

Premier Stephen McNeil has named members of his office staff, including Kyle Harris as his director of communications.

Harris is no stranger to McNeil as he held the same position for the Liberal Caucus Office since 2011.

Other office hires announced on Tuesday include Geoff Townsend as principal secretary, Kristan Hines as the director of strategic operations and Laurel Munroe as press secretary. METRO



The remains of the Stewiacke Home Hardware warehouse smoulders Tuesday morning following a blaze Monday night. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Warehouse goes up in flames

Stewiacke. Home Hardware business loses another building to fire

Quoted

"Right now it's not looking suspicious."

Colchester RCMP Sgt. Al Affleck on the blaze

It might be another rebuild for the Stewiacke Home Hardware only three weeks after opening two new buildings.

The business had an old storage warehouse destroyed by fire Monday night.

"Here we are trying to establish things after January, but at least we don't have people out of work," said Joely Killen, who owns the business with her brother, regarding the loss of a custom cabinet shop due to a fire

back in January.

"This will have less effect on us than January's fire — we have a new warehouse now and we had been moving stuff to it. We've already started to reorder so we can restock our warehouse."

The January fire put three people out of work temporarily after it accidentally started in a shed on an adjacent property. The business has since rebuilt the custom cabinet

shop near the National Truss Span business, and a new storage facility was erected on the former cabinet shop lot.

Mark Crozier, Stewiacke and District Volunteer Fire Brigade deputy chief, said the warehouse behind the store on George Street was three-quarters involved by the time firefighters arrived shortly after 10 p.m.

"It went up fast because of all the combustible materials in there," he said just before 7 a.m. Tuesday, four hours after firefighters had wrapped up at the scene. "It was like a matchbox."

Colchester RCMP Sgt. Al Affleck said the fire marshal arrived on scene at about 8

a.m. to begin an investigation.

"The fire seems to be more accidental," said Affleck. "It looks like it started inside a locked-gate compound. The firefighters had to actually cut the lock off to get into it."

Affleck said the compound contained materials including propane tanks, so there was a small explosion.

Thelma Levering lives in a mobile home adjacent to the back of the lot where the warehouse stood.

"I never slept at all (last) night," said Levering. "Not a wink. My stomach was so upset. When I looked out the window, I had seen the blaze coming out through the roof." TRURO DAILY NEWS

Police warn of man asking for money

Halifax police have issued a public warning about a man going door-to-door asking for money for his car that ran out of fuel.

On Sunday around 9 p.m., police say a man living on Robert Murphy Drive in Halifax had a man knock on his door asking for money to buy diesel for his car. The resident

handed the man some money on the condition he return and pay him back once he got the diesel. The man, however, never came back.

A similar incident took place Monday night on MacDonald Street. Police say a man working outside his home was approached by someone saying he was out of

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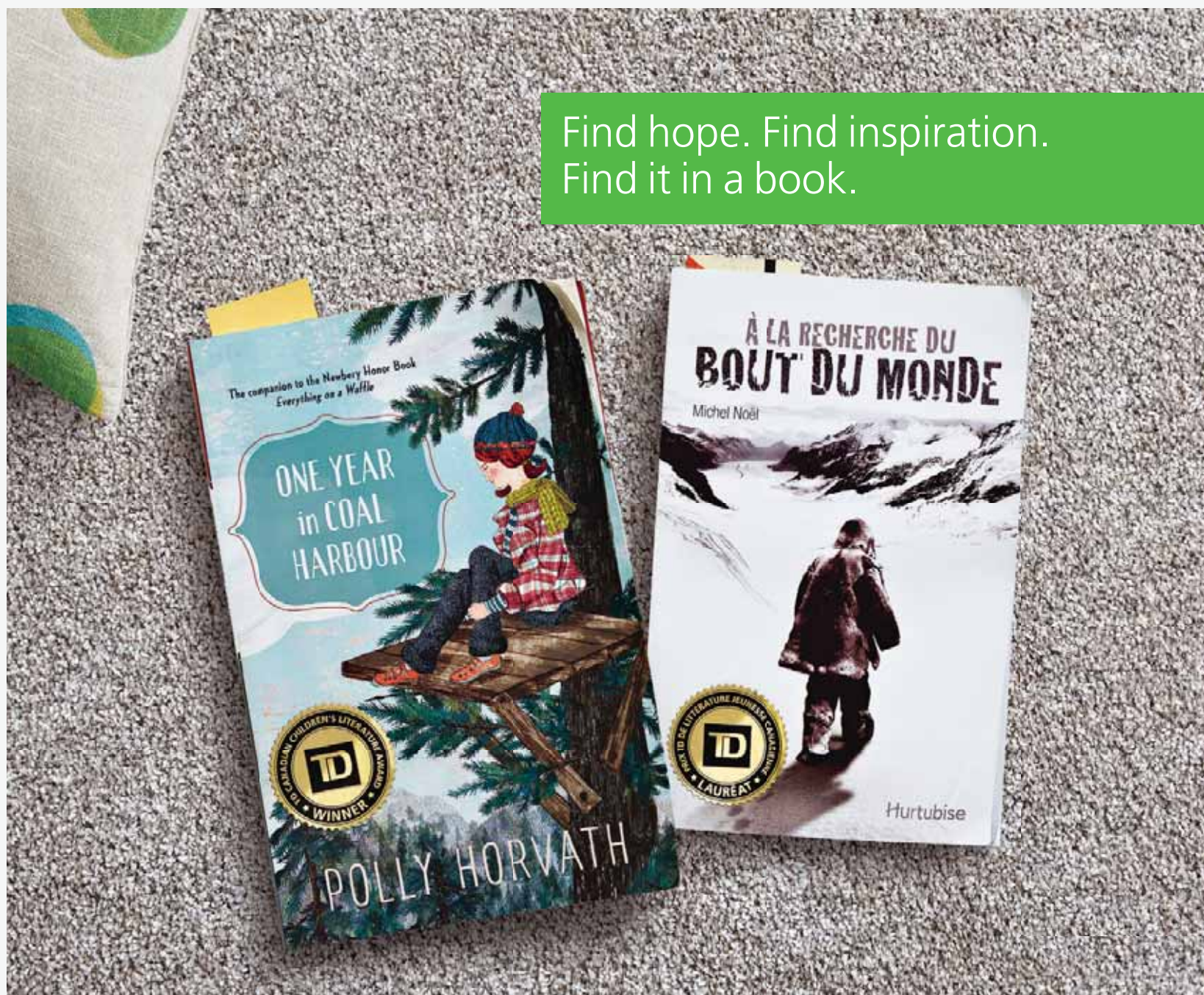
diesel, and he either needed some diesel or enough money

to buy some. The resident refused and the man left on foot empty handed.

Police believe the same person is involved in both of instances. He's described as being 35 to 45 years old and about five-foot-eight, with a medium build, a square jaw and short, dyed-blond hair.

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It's not unusual: PM says paying Duffy's legal fees was no big deal

You'll find it happens all the time. Yet Wallin, Brazeau say nobody offered to help them with their expenses

Stephen Harper sees nothing wrong with the Conservative party using taxpayer-subsidized funds to pay disgraced Sen. Mike Duffy's legal expenses, insisting Tuesday there's nothing unusual about it.

"The party regularly reimburses members of its cau-

cus for valid legal expenses, as do other parties," Harper told the House of Commons.

However, it seems the Conservative party didn't extend its largesse to all other senators accused of improperly claiming travel expenses or housing allowances.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau's office said no offer was made to pay his legal expenses. Terrence O'Sullivan, Sen. Pamela Wallin's lawyer, said the same.

"Sen. Wallin has received no assistance with her legal fees — whether before or

after she recused herself from the caucus — from the Conservative party or anyone associated with the Conservative party," O'Sullivan said in an email.

All three are under investigation by the RCMP and are facing a government bid to suspend them from the Senate.

The suspension motions were tied in procedural knots Tuesday, making it unlikely they will be voted on before the Conservatives gather Thursday evening for a two-day national convention in Calgary.

Duffy disclosed Monday there were two cheques regarding his allegedly improper expenses: one for \$13,560 from Conservative party lawyer Arthur Hamilton to cover his legal expenses, plus the \$90,000 from Harper's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright, to enable him to reimburse the Senate.

Harper was grilled repeatedly Tuesday about Duffy's latest bombshell, shrugging off suggestions that Hamilton did anything wrong.

"This individual is not accused of anything," he said in response to a question

from NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, who asked whether the prime minister intends to fire Hamilton.

"New Democrats tell us that we should fire or expel people on the flimsiest of allegations without, in some cases, any proof of anything against anybody," Harper said.

"Then when we determine that actions should be taken (against the three senators), the leader of the Opposition stands up and pretends these people are somehow victims of arbitrary actions."

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper answers a question in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Tuesday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Coffee, tea, BTC?

What is being billed as the world's first Bitcoin ATM is seen at a coffee shop in downtown Vancouver. The machine, which was to be unveiled on Tuesday, will allow consumers to exchange cash for the digital currency known as Bitcoins, commonly abbreviated to BTC. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Staterooms. Canada using its foreign embassies for surveillance ops: Report

The national eavesdropping agency is refusing to comment on allegations that it mounts foreign operations through Canada's embassies abroad.

Lauri Sullivan, a spokeswoman for Communications Security Establishment Canada, says the agency does not comment "on our foreign intelligence collection activities or capabilities."

German magazine Der Spiegel says Canada is using diplomatic facilities to support surveillance operations in league with key allies the United States, Britain and Australia.

Word of the Canadian reference came as the NDP

unsuccessfully sought support in the House of Commons to create a parliamentary committee that would look into stronger oversight for the intelligence community.

The magazine report published this week cites presentation slides leaked by Edward Snowden, a former contractor with the National Security Agency, CSEC's American counterpart.

One slide indicates the Canadian spy agency hosts "Stateroom" sites — a term for covert signals-intelligence gathering bases hidden in consulates and embassies.

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Damages. Trucking co. told to pay \$150M to girl who watched family die

A jury has determined a trucking company and one of its drivers should pay \$150 million in damages to a 13-year-old girl who watched her family burn to death in a fiery crash on a Southern California freeway nearly four years ago.

The verdict was reached Friday after three days of deliberations that found truck driver Rudolph Ortiz was negligent for parking on the side of the freeway in the early-morning darkness without leaving on any light or emergency reflector. Ortiz and his employer,

Bhanda Bros. Trucking, were found jointly liable.

Kylie Asam was nine when she and her 11-year-old brother, Blaine, managed to escape from their family's mangled SUV after it struck and got caught under a rig parked on the shoulder of Interstate 210. They saw their parents and older brother get burned alive after the vehicle caught fire.

The verdict included \$8.75 million the jury awarded to Blaine, who committed suicide before the trial began.

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University of B.C.

RCMP suspect same man for 6 sex attacks

Another sex attack at the University of British Columbia has RCMP announcing they believe the same man is responsible for six attacks, three more than previously reported.

The most recent attack was reported to police on Sunday.

"A young woman indicated that she was walking alone ... shortly before 1:30 in the morning when she noticed a shadow behind her," Sgt. Peter Thiessen said. "She was grabbed from behind and she began to flail her arms, causing the suspect to run away."

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Toronto

Elderly couple die in apparent double suicide

An elderly couple in Toronto plunged to their deaths from the balcony of their apartment Tuesday morning in what police believe was a double suicide.

Emergency crews

responded to a building at 7:54 a.m., where the man and woman were pronounced dead at the scene.

"I've lived here all my life and we've never had a suicide, or a murder, or anything like this," said Jessica Jarosz, 23.

The coroner has been called in to probe circumstances surrounding their deaths, EMS confirmed.

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Village leader Alexander Koropov points at rubble and garbage near a quarry close to Akhshtyr village in Sochi, Russia. The landfill outside Sochi, which will soon host the Olympics, is in the middle of a water protection zone where dumping industrial waste is forbidden. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Illegal' landfill in Sochi violates zero-waste pledge

Winter Olympics. Environmentalists claim 'unauthorized' waste site could taint city's water supply

Trucks rumble to the edge of a gigantic pit filled with spray cans, tires and foam sheets and dump a stream of concrete slabs that send up a cloud of limestone dust. Other trucks pile clay on top and a bulldozer mixes everything together in a rudimentary effort to hide the mess. This landfill outside Sochi, which will host the Winter Olympics in 100 days, is smack in the middle of a water protection zone where dumping industrial waste is banned.

As a centrepiece of its Olympic bid, Russia trumpeted a "Zero Waste" program that promised the cleanest games ever, saying it would refrain from dumping construction waste and rely on reusable materials. But on a visit last week to Akhshtyr, just north of Sochi, The Associated Press found

Protected area

"Water from here will be contaminating Sochi's fresh-water springs for the next 10 to 15 years."

Vladimir Kimaev, member of the Environmental Watch on North Caucasus

that Russia's state-owned rail monopoly is dumping tons of construction waste into what authorities call an illegal landfill, raising concerns of possible contamination in the water that directly supplies Sochi.

The finding shows how little Russia has done to fulfil its ambitious green pledges. Its \$51-billion budget for the Olympics contains no provisions for treating construction waste.

In a letter obtained by the Associated Press, the Environmental Protection Agency in the area where Sochi is located told the resort's environment council in late August that it had inspected the Akhshtyr landfill and found "unauthorized dumping of construction

waste as well as soil from excavation works." The agency said it fined Russian Railways, whose Sochi project costs billions of dollars, \$3,000 for the dumping. It didn't order the dump closed.

The EPA's Sochi representative visited the site earlier this month and insisted it was being cleaned up, villagers and activists who were present at that meeting said. The agency was unavailable for comment this week.

The main health concern surrounding the landfill is to the water supply.

Authorities confirm that Russian Railways operates the Akhshtyr dump without a licence — but it wouldn't be able to obtain one even if it tried. That's because the village lies in an area where dumping construction waste and soil is forbidden under the Russian Water Code. Moisture seeps through porous rocks into underground springs that feed the nearby Mzymta River, which provides up to half the water supply in Sochi.

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U.S. intelligence chief backs spying on allies

The top U.S. intelligence director on Tuesday defended spying on foreign allies as necessary and said such scrutiny of America's friends — and vice versa — is commonplace. Another official said the collection of phone records that prompted outrage across the Atlantic actually was conducted with the help of European governments.

Top intelligence officials testified that news reports that the National Security Agency had swept up millions of phone records in France, Spain and elsewhere were inaccurate and reflected a misunderstanding of "metadata" that was in fact collected by NATO allies and shared with the United States.

The nation's post-Sept. 11, 2001 surveillance programs are coming under increased criticism at home and abroad, capped by recent revelations that the NSA monitored German Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone and those of up to 34 other world leaders. Those reports relied on docu-



President Barack Obama declined in an interview to say when he learned about the spying operations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ments provided by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden.

Congressional leaders who have been staunch supporters of the NSA programs are now saying it is time for a close examination. The White House said Tuesday that President Barack Obama had ordered a full review of the programs and was considering changes.

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Spy games

National Intelligence Director James Clapper played down European allies' complaints about spying on their leaders, saying the allies do it, too.

- He said during his 50 years working in intelligence it was "a basic tenet" to collect, whether by spying on communications or through other sources, confidential information about foreign leaders that reveals "if what they're saying gels with what's actually going on."

- Committee Chairman Mike Rogers asked whether allies had conducted the same type of espionage against U.S. leaders. "Absolutely," Clapper responded.

Iran. Activist actress sentenced to 18 months in jail on security charges

An Iranian court has sentenced an actress known for her reformist political activism to 18 months in prison on security charges, newspapers reported Tuesday, in another sign of the underlying tensions between Iran's hard-liners and calls for greater openness by new President Hassan Rouhani.

The reports came a day after authorities ordered the closure of the pro-reform Bahar daily in connection to a commentary it published on the Prophet Muhammad, citing a law authorizing media closures over articles deemed to violate Islamic values or insult Islam.

Iran has shown some signs of easing political restrictions

since the moderate-leaning Rouhani took office in August. Dozens of prisoners held on political charges have been freed, and a prominent artistic centre known as the House of Cinema has reopened.

But the case over the 24-year-old actress, Pegah Ahangarani, shows how centres of power in Iran often work at cross-purposes.

The judiciary is controlled by the country's ruling clerics, headed by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. He has given the green light so far to some of Rouhani's main international initiatives, such as outreach to Washington.

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Iranian actress and activist Pegah Ahangarani has been sentenced to 18 months in prison. PER HENRIKSEN/DEUTSCHE WELLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Westgate Mall attack

Soldiers dismissed for stealing

Two Kenyan soldiers were sacked for stealing items during the deadly siege last month of Nairobi's Westgate Mall, Kenya's military chief said Tuesday.

Gen. Julius Karangi, chief of Kenya's military, identified the sacked soldiers as Victor Otieno and Victor Ashiundu and said they were in detention pending formal charges.

He said the two soldiers were found with mobile phones, cameras and chargers that were stolen from the mall during the siege.

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Saudi Arabia

Arrest underlines lack of freedom

A Saudi Arabian court sentenced a prominent lawyer to three months in prison on Tuesday, a rights group said, while the same day a Saudi writer was released from jail after being investigated for blasphemy.

The two detentions point to what rights groups say is a pattern of violations against activists and writers for exercising freedom of speech. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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High-end N.Y.C. stores accused of profiling

Stereotypes. Professor says arrests could be caused by skewed views

The usual scenario involves suspicious glances, inattentive clerks or rude service — not handcuffs.

Yet when a black teen said he was wrongly jailed after buying a \$350 belt at a Manhattan luxury store, it struck a nerve in African-Americans accustomed to finding that their money is not necessarily as good as everyone else's. Shopping while black, they say, can be a humiliating experience.

Much attention has been paid to the issue over the years — Oprah Winfrey complained that a Swiss clerk did not think she could afford a \$38,000 handbag, and even President Barack Obama has said he was once followed in stores. But

according to shoppers interviewed Monday, many people don't recognize how prevalent retail discrimination is, and how the consistent stream of small insults adds up to a large problem.

"It's one thing if you don't understand. But don't ever tell me it doesn't happen to me," said Natasha Eubanks, who shops often at high-end stores in New York City. "You can't assume it doesn't happen just because it doesn't happen to you."

Sometimes, Eubanks said, it takes clerks more than five minutes to simply acknowledge her presence. Or they brush her off after a token greeting. Or they ask her question after question: "You're a black girl up in Chanel. They want to know what you're doing here, and what you do for a living."

She says she has dealt with this type of treatment at least 20 times in New York City.

Quoted

"You're a black girl in Chanel. They want to know what you're doing here, and what you do for a living"

Natasha Eubanks, N.Y.C. shopper

Trayon Christian's problem was not how he was treated when he went into Barneys New York — it was what happened afterward. In a lawsuit filed last week, the 19-year-old said that he bought a Ferragamo belt at the Manhattan store, and when he left he was accosted by undercover city police officers.

According to the lawsuit, police said Christian "could not afford to make such an expensive purchase." He was arrested and detained, though he showed police the receipt, the debit card he used and identi-

cation, the lawsuit said.

For Yvonne Chan, the reports were a painful reminder of when she worked in a liquor store in a predominantly white Massachusetts town. Every few months someone would be caught stealing, and about half the time it was a black person.

Chan, a graduate student, always tried to remind herself not to act on stereotypes, but, "Like it or not, I'm going to have a preconceived notion of races from my experiences. As much as I would like to force my brain not to think like that and put everyone on an even playing field, stereotypes play a role in our society ... we skew the view of people as individuals."

Those skewed views can affect who gets arrested for retail theft, said Jerome Williams, a business professor at Rutgers University who has studied marketplace discrimination.

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Oprah Winfrey arrives at a film screening in Los Angeles, California. Winfrey says she faced racism in Switzerland when a clerk thought she couldn't afford a \$38,000 bag. JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Trayvon Martin's mother speaks out against 'stand your ground' law

The mother of a 17-year-old boy shot by a suspicious neighbour told a panel of U.S. senators Tuesday that state "stand your ground" self-defence laws do not work and must be amended, reviving the politically charged gun control issue a year ahead of the 2014 mid-term elections.

But little besides politics emerged from the session,

held in the Senate's made-for-television hearing room. Democrats who hold majority power in the Senate and are trying to keep it supported the call by Sybrina Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin.

"This law is an invitation for confrontation," said Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat who chaired the session.

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Fulton testifies in front of U.S. Senators. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Faucets run dry. Water supply was cut off due to maintenance work

Taps were dry across a wide swath of Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday, some for nearly a week straight, prompting a flurry of criticism of the state water company and forcing some desperate residents of this Olympic city to fill plastic bottles with water from streams.

Rio's Cedae water utility cut off service to nearly a dozen Rio neighbourhoods Thursday as part of routine maintenance

on a treatment plant on the Guandu River, the main water source for the city of 6 million.

The utility had said in a Thursday statement that it could take up to 72 hours for service to be restored. But long after that period passed, many parts of the city remained without water. Cedae later pledged that water would be restored to all households by the end of Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Ouch! Banksy disses our architecture in rejected World Trade Center op-ed

Street graffiti artist Banksy caused an uproar in the blogosphere on Monday when he wrote that the new World Trade Center is so bland, "it looks like something they would build in Canada."

He also shocked residents in New York by stating that the building is such a disaster that everyone who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, could view this as a betrayal and an indication that "the terrorists won."

A posting on Banksy's website says the comments were contained in an op-ed piece he submitted to the New York Times and that the newspaper refused to print it.

Eileen Murphy, spokesperson for the New York Times, told the Metro newspaper in New York that "He did submit an op-ed and art. We couldn't agree on either the piece or the art, so we rejected it."

Murphy added, "What he has posted on his site is not exactly the same as what he



submitted."

However, United Kingdom-based Banksy posted the piece on his website, imagining how it would look with a mock-up of the New York Times's distinctive type and logo. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Department store wars. Sears shuts flagship shop, Nordstrom may move in

A new round of store closures by Sears Canada, which includes its flagship location in Toronto's Eaton Centre, has raised questions about the company's turnaround strategy and which American retailer will claim that coveted spot.

Sears said Tuesday it was selling the leases on five department stores, in a \$400 million deal, which comes as the company pushes ahead with a broader effort to revamp its operations that will also see about 1,200 employees lose their jobs.

The transactions amount to the biggest sale of leases since the company began to shed assets and cut jobs in an effort to revitalize its struggling operations amid intense competition.

Under the agreements, store leases for Sears locations at Sherway Gardens in Toronto, the Markville Shopping Centre in Markham, Ont., London-Masonville Place in London, Ont. and Richmond

Let the guessing begin

The decision by Sears to exit the Eaton Centre is especially notable because it's one of the company's most visible Canadian stores, located in a central tourist area.

- Some of Sears' previously-divested locations have already been picked up by U.S. high-end retailer Nordstrom, which used them to launch its first stores in Canada. That has prompted speculation that Nordstrom may also be eyeing the Eaton Centre or Sherway stores, which are seen as prime real estate for retailers.

Centre in Richmond, B.C. will also be sold back to mall operator Cadillac Fairview and its partners. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Lesson learned

Team USA's clothing made in the U.S. this time

Team USA will now wear the Made in the USA label. Every article of clothing made by Ralph Lauren for the U.S. Winter Olympic athletes in Sochi, including their opening and closing ceremony uniforms and their Olympic Village gear, has been made by domestic craftsman and manufacturers.

During the 2012 games in London, it was a flashpoint in the media and among Washington politicians that much of the U.S. apparel was made overseas, especially in China. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Apple co-founder

Boyhood home of Steve Jobs now historic property

The Silicon Valley home where Apple co-founder Steve Jobs grew up and built some of his first computers is now on the city's list of historic properties.

The historical commission in Los Altos, Calif., voted unanimously for the historic designation.

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A new poll from Insights West shows that British Columbians are haunted by ghosts and spirits.

Sixty per cent believe in the afterlife and 48 per cent believe in ghosts. And if that's not spooky enough, 54 per cent believe in angels while 37 per cent believe in the devil.

Nearly 20 per cent claim to have been haunted. And we're not talking about what they did at last night's Halloween party.

If you think British Columbians are just whacked out on B.C. bud, that could be. But this poll is not so different from other surveys, including a recent one by the Huffington Post in which 64 per cent believed in the afterlife and 45 per cent in ghosts. A just-published U.K. survey



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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found that an even higher number of Brits, 52 per cent of those polled, believe in ghosts. That could be explained by the fact that the poll was taken by the "Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena (ASSAP)." ASSAP president Lionel Fanthorpe believes that King Arthur was an alien who came to Earth to save us from other alien invaders.

Monty Python lives.

Despite the overwhelming evidence, I'm having trouble convincing myself that every second person reading this column really believes in ghosts. Not to mention the 60-plus per cent who believe in angels, or the one in four who dance with the devil.

Of course, there is not a single shred of scientific evidence supporting these beliefs. The Higgs boson, that elusive elementary particle, may have been an article of faith among physicists for more than a century. But now that

there's data confirming its existence, we can believe in it. The jury is still (and always will be) out on the ghost of Uncle Harry.

Apparently, we haven't advanced much beyond the Dark Ages when everyone was addled by spirits and ghosts, angels and devils. In fact, you could make a convincing argument that at least half of us are still comfortably ensconced in the sixth century. Well, maybe not so comfortable. The castle is drafty and this wool jerkin itches like the, um, devil.

All this mumbo jumbo persists despite modern detecting equipment that can listen to the background hum of the big bang, find a galaxy more than 13 billion light years away, and track the path of an electron. There's nothing there, people. No ghosts, no angels, no alien Arthurians.

Of course, nothing I say will make any difference. People are more likely to believe in Beelzebub than in common sense. Common sense is no fun.

But I'll tell you one little secret, children. Trolls are real. Just check out the comment trail on this column in a couple of days if you don't believe me. Bwa-ha-ha.

ZOOM

Superstorm Sandy, 1 year later



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N.Y. marks triumph over damage done

Tom Hammill places an American flag at a building site in the Breezy Point neighbourhood in the Queens borough of New York on Tuesday, a year after Superstorm Sandy struck. A firestorm spread across the beachfront neighbourhood

during the storm, burning more than 100 homes, including Hammill's. Behind him are homes that are being rebuilt.

To mark Tuesday's anniversary, residents of coastal neighbourhoods in New York and New Jersey that suffered some of the worst flooding are honouring that terrible day in ways both

public and private.

On Staten Island, residents will light candles by the stretch of waterfront closest to their homes at 7:45 p.m. in a "Light the Shore" vigil. Along the Jersey Shore, people plan to shine flashlights in a symbolic triumph over the darkness that Sandy brought.

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One of the worst storms

- The storm was blamed for at least 181 deaths in the U.S. — including 68 in New York and 71 in New Jersey.
- In New York City the storm surge hit nearly 14 feet, swamping the city's subway.

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Braingasm, despite the obnoxious nickname, is not the latest sex toy or coital craze, but a real* phenomenon taking over YouTube channels, sub-Reddits and radio stations

across the web. Despite relatively few people actually having Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response, the sound-induced tingles that start in your head and slither down your spine, ASMR has made its mark online. For those who don't have it — and if you have to wonder, you don't — watching videos of pretty girls whisper as they caress hair brush bristles might make you feel like a creep. But, hey, at least now you'll know what everyone's talking about.

*Debatable. Science is still trying to figure it all out

GentleWhispering:

While not necessarily the Original Gangsta of ASMR, GentleWhispering is one of the most prolific. The blond, Eastern European whisperer has racked up more than 3.5 million views on one video alone.

Note, redditors are not to post ASMR-like videos, so keep the music videos, Songza playlists (yes, there is an ASMR Songza list, which does not impress the ASMR purists) and the like off the boards.

Reddit:

r/ASMR is a safe for work hub of ASMR videos and discussion.

Asmr.fm:

Community of ASMRers and ASMR'tists to share a wide range (hint, hint) of ASMR videos.

Twitter



@Canucklehead_ca: Duck-face selfies. *sigh*

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In Focus

McAdams' career in a temporal loop



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When British author H.G. Wells created the term "time machine" way back in 1895, he could never have imagined the lasting impact his ideas of fourth dimension travel would have on the career of Rachel McAdams.

His book, *The Time Machine*, has been filmed twice for the big screen, but the ideas of shifting ripples of time have also inspired three very different movies starring the London, Ont., born actress.

This weekend she co-stars with Domhnall Gleeson and Bill Nighy in *About Time* as the present day girlfriend of a 21-year-old who uses his ability to switch time zones to learn information to woo her.

"I know I have a little bit of time travel in my past but this is different," McAdams says. "The element of time

travel thrown in was unique and quirky and dealt with lightly."

Previously the Mean Girls star appeared as Clare Abshire in *The Time Traveler's Wife*, starring opposite Eric Bana playing a Chicago librarian with a genetic disorder known as Chrono-Displacement that causes him to involuntarily travel through time.

From the outset their relationship is a strange one. When they first meet she has known him since she was six years old, but because his syndrome flips him to random times in his

life on an ever shifting timeline he is always meeting her for the first time. Confused? Not as confused as Clare, who tries to build a life with Henry even though his ailment keeps them apart.

Based on a best-selling novel, it's a three-hankie story about love with no boundaries and how romance can transcend everything, even death.

In Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris* it's Owen Wilson who jumps through time — finding himself transported back to 1920s Paris and hanging with F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald

(Tom Hiddleston and Alison Pill), seeing Cole Porter sing at a party, drinking with Hemmingway — while McAdams stays put, bringing him back to reality, as his irritating present-day fiancée Inez.

But what about actual time travel? When she was asked by AOL if there was anything she would go back in time and change in real life, McAdams said, "I was a figure skater, so I would take back a lot of fashion choices on the ice. A lot of sequins. I would pull back on the sequins a little bit and maybe less blue eye shadow."

Arcade Fire's Haiti-inspired fourth album their most ambitious to date

New music. The highly anticipated disc from the musical innovators doesn't disappoint as the quality is only matched by the ambition of the effort

It was spring 2011 when Arcade Fire — months from a stunning Grammy Award win for album of the year, which pretty much certified the Montreal band had climbed to the highest of rock's craggy peaks — went down to Haiti and got upstaged.

They were in Cange, a lush remote village positioned on the edge of Lake Peligre. They were there primarily to visit sites where *Partners in Health* was working to help in the aftermath of 2010's



William Butler and Arcade Fire's new album *Reflektor* was recently released. ERIC KANYE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

catastrophic earthquake. But they also played a couple shows — mostly tossing off cover songs — as an opener for the rasin (Haitian roots music) band Ram.

And those spirited gigs had a profound effect.

"We played and it was really fun," multi-instrumentalist Will Butler recalls in a recent telephone interview.

"And then Ram came out and played and everyone came out and danced and it was this massive party. And it was out of control and amazing — not like, out of control like someone on coke was stabbing someone in the eye with a pen or anything. But out of control like six-year-olds and 95-year-olds were dancing and old ladies on crutches

and stuff.

"It was just a real town-wide celebration. And we were like, 'Oh, it would be nice to be able to go to rural Haiti and play a show that people would really dance to.'

"That definitely set a challenge for us, which we took up on some of the songs," he added. "I want to be able to play this for a roomful of

strangers in a different country, who have never heard Arcade Fire, and just have them dance to it."

And so the seeds were planted for *Reflektor*, the indie innovators' rather transformative, sprawling fourth disc that hit stores yesterday.

In particular, the trip triggered an interest in exploring traditional Haitian rhythms. They listened closely to a range of their rhythms, tasking the drummers with weaving their styles with the propulsive percussion work of New Order's *Age of Consent*, for instance, or analyzing the different way fills are dispensed.

The scope of what they tried to tackle on *Reflektor* is hardly surprising — outsized ambition might have always been Arcade Fire's distinguishing quality.

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The Jonas Brothers confirm break-up rumours

The Jonas Brothers have officially broken up — as a band, not a family — just three weeks after canceling their fall tour due to “a deep rift within the band,” the guys announced this week.

“It’s over for now,” says oldest brother Kevin.

Youngest brother Nick apparently voiced some concerns about the group’s future, prompting the discussion that led to the break-up.

“I was feeling kind of trapped,” he tells People magazine. “I needed to share my heart with my brothers.”

But middle brother Joe says Nick wasn’t alone in those feelings.

“It was a unanimous decision.”

Derek Hough defends his sister



Derek Hough.

Dancing with the Stars regular Derek Hough is sticking up for his younger sister, Julianne Hough, after her eyebrow-raising decision to don blackface for Halloween, saying she is “mortified” at the backlash.

“She’s so apologetic,” he tells E! News. “She is just beside herself. Obviously it wasn’t her brightest moment in her life, but hopefully we can move on.”



The Jonas Brothers. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES



The Word

Not a movie: Mr. and Mrs. Smith at war once again

Rumours of marital trouble for Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith are cropping up again, with sources telling Radar Online that the stars are living separate lives

— and haven’t appeared in public together since August.

Smith has been in New Orleans for work since mid-September and is expected to be there through next month, while Pinkett Smith has reportedly moved out of the family’s home and is living with her brother, Caleb, in Calabasas, California.

Pinkett Smith seemed to be venting a bit at a recent

Twitter



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On Halloween morning I will host a seance on The View. Which dearly departed historical figures should I try and communicate with?

Brown catches a courtroom break



Chris Brown.

Chris Brown got at least a little good news during his most recent courtroom visit, as a Washington, D.C., judge reduced the felony assault charge against the singer for allegedly punching a man outside a hotel this weekend to a misdemeanor, according to TMZ. Brown was released from custody and is scheduled to return for a hearing on Nov. 25.

Quote

“I thought success would make me happy. It does not.”

Jada Pinkett Smith.

Talking about her marriage and her life

charity event in Baltimore, telling the audience, “When you are going through a

storm with your spouse ... stop thinking about what you ‘believe’ a husband or wife should be,” according to an attendee.

“I thought success would make me happy. It does not.”

When asked about the rumored trouble, Will’s mother, Carolyn Smith, told the website, “Isn’t that personal? Thank you for your concern.”





Magens Bay is one of the top beaches in the Caribbean, with beautiful sand and a protected swimming area. Nice bar, too. ALL PHOTOS: JIM BYERS/METRO

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This part of the Caribbean doesn't get much attention from Canadians. But it's a fabulous destination with great holiday options.

Doing

You can reach gorgeous Magens Bay beach in less than 10 minutes from the cruise harbour. It's a long stretch nestled at the end of a deep,

protected cove. Great for swimming and decent for snorkelling. Charlotte Amalie is a wild shopping town for duty free goods, with peddlers out front of jewelry shops and rum bars jostling for sun-baked tourists. Some shops allow you to bargain. Pretty shops like Laksa sell hand-made jewellery in shops along the cool alleyways in town; much more fun than the joints on Main St.

Tour the hillside Blackbeard's Castle complex, which features gardens and a small fort-like building called the Sky Tower that dates to 1679. Haagensen House is not only a beauty to tour but is home to a few prints of impressionist master Camille Pissarro, who was born and raised here. Coral World features aquariums, a touch pond where kids can feel a starfish and a snuba service,

where you can swim underwater for long periods with a breathing tube attached to an air tank on the surface; like scuba without the tank on your back.

Sleeping

Blackbeards Castle is a comfortable, low-key spot with great views of Charlotte Amalie's harbour and its multitude of islands. Rooms go from as little as \$98 a night, including a continental breakfast, free Wi-Fi and free tours of the Blackbeards Castle complex. All rooms have refrigerators and there's a pool on-site. The nearby Hotel 1829 is fun and a little closer to town but is currently undergoing renovations. Want something a bit more upscale? There's a lovely Ritz Carlton on a 30-acre piece of property in the east end,

near the cruise terminal for trips to fabulous St. John. Rooms in November recently listed from \$459 a night.

Dining

Just off Main Street, also known as Dronnigens Gade from the days when this was Danish territory, you'll find the superb Gladys Café. Brilliantly coloured local artwork rests on exposed stone walls of a 300-year-old building. The fresh passion fruit juice is amazing and they also serve jerked fish and fine curries. Sample one of the homemade hot sauces and buy a bottle to bring home. The restaurant A Room With a View is in the pretty Bluebeard's Castle hotel complex (so many pirates, so many castles) high on a hill, offering great food and a romantic setting with awesome harbour views.

Online

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Drinking

Sure, you can step off your boat and head to Senor Frogs with everyone else, but you really should try something with a bit more colour. Iggies is a funky bar/restaurant right on the beach at Bolongo Bay with a casual vibe. Touristy, but not nearly as bad as the places near the cruise ships. Even prettier is the outdoor bar at Magens Bay Beach, where you can buy rum drinks for a song and watch the young folks on the beach. Or catch the iguanas sunning themselves on the terrace.

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Ingredients

- 6 medium-thick spears of asparagus
- 1/2 cup light (5%) ricotta cheese
- 1/4 cup softened light (25% reduced) cream cheese
- 1 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp chopped green onions
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 3 large flour tortillas
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves
- 3 oz sliced smoked salmon

immediately chill to stop the cooking process. They can be prepared up to a day ahead if wrapped well in plastic wrap and chilled. They're great for a large group of people.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F (220 C). Place the asparagus on a baking sheet sprayed with vegetable oil. Bake for 8 minutes or just until bright green.

2. In a food processor, or in a bowl using an electric mixer, beat the ricotta, cream cheese, mayonnaise, green onions, lemon juice, garlic, and salt and pepper until smooth.

3. Spread cheese mixture evenly over the tortillas. Scatter the spinach leaves overtop. Place the smoked salmon on top of the spinach. Place 2 spears of the asparagus near the bottom of each tortilla. Roll up tightly, wrap in plastic wrap, and chill.

4. Cut each tortilla on the diagonal into 6 pieces.

Smoked Salmon and Roasted Asparagus Tortilla Bites



This recipe makes 18 servings. ROSE REISMAN

Drink of the Week

Avocado Mezcal Cocktail

- 1 avocado from Mexico, halved, pitted and peeled
- 6 oz (175 ml) white mezcal
- 6 oz (175 ml) lime juice
- 4 oz (125 ml) light agave nectar
- 3 oz (90 ml) Midori
- 2 oz (60 ml) Cointreau
- 2 cups (500 ml) ice
- Garnish: Junior Merino's Cactus & Lemongrass Rimmer and avocado wedges

In a blender, combine all ingredients, except ice. Whirl until combined. Add 2 cups (500 ml) of ice and blend until smooth.

Serve in a glass rimmed with Junior Merino's Cactus & Lemongrass Rimmer.

Garnish with avocado wedge pressed in Junior Merino's Hibiscus Rose Rimmer. COURTESY OF MISSA-VACADO.CA



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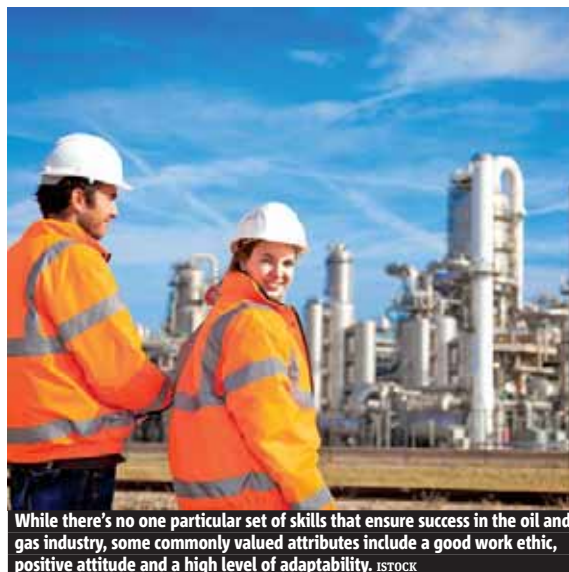
Variety is one of the most remarkable qualities offered by careers choices in the oil and gas industry.

There's something for everyone, whether you're beginning your first career or starting a new one.

With opportunities for work indoors and outdoors, physical and creative tasks, and even detailed or big-picture work, the oil and gas industry can accommodate every disposition and personality.

Besides variety, there's also opportunity. Petroleum products play a central part in the average person's daily life, which means strong and steady growth in the oil and gas industry is a sure thing.

A little research into the oil and gas industry confirms that the people are what make it all possible.



While there's no one particular set of skills that ensure success in the oil and gas industry, some commonly valued attributes include a good work ethic, positive attitude and a high level of adaptability. ISTOCK

The big picture

Many roles in the oilsands workforce involve work in the field.

According to the latest report by the Petroleum Human Resources Council, one of the most in-demand positions in the oil and gas industry over the next decade will be the power engineer role, respon-

sible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of industrial equipment of in-situ and upgrading operations.

However, it's a common misconception that a career in the oil and gas industry means only one kind of work.

A real lifestyle

The oil and gas industry also

accommodates a variety of lifestyles. While many positions involve working outdoors, that doesn't mean you'll be leaving all indoor comforts behind. When oil and gas extraction sites are found in remote areas, most workers reside in camps set apart from work locations. A number of these offer gym amenities, coffee shops, satellite television and internet.

Some positions require workers to fly in and out of

work sites by helicopter, meaning that your commute to work will always be exciting!

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Holidays. Extended hours for shopping

TOM MASON
For Metro

Nothing conjures up the holiday spirit like shopping under the stars. Dartmouth Crossing will be brimming with the sights and sounds of the holidays this year, with events that include live carolling on weekends from noon to 4 p.m.

at The Village Shops at Dartmouth Crossing.

A number of Miracle on Main Street events will also be part of this year's festivities.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 16, Miracle on Main Street events will include magical visits with Santa on his sleigh, free train rides on the North Pole Express, complementary cake, while quantities last, along with special giveaways.

On Nov. 23, between 5:30-7:30 p.m., The Village Shops at Dartmouth Crossing will feature live carolling, complementary hot chocolate, while quantities last, and a holiday fireworks display at the Pond-side Amphitheatre at 6:30 p.m.

The Nov. 30 Miracle on Main Street event will feature

a North Pole petting zoo and free pony rides from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All events are weather permitting.

Participating retailers are tax-free throughout the Miracle on Main Street events.

Holiday specials include up to 20 per cent off at The Village Shops at Dartmouth Crossing Nov. 16-17 and Dec.

7-8. The Village Shops will be open extended hours for these days: Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Regular hours in the Village Shops are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For the last three Sundays in December — Dec. 8, 15

and 22 — The Village Shops will be open extended hours, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Exceptional experience

Dartmouth Crossing offers the best of all worlds for shoppers in HRM, with one of the most unique shopping, dining and entertainment experiences on the East Coast.

Now in its sixth year of operation, Dartmouth Crossing has become a real destination attraction for shoppers from HRM and beyond, says Ann-Louise McKinnon, general manager, Atlantic Region for CentreCorp Management Services Limited, the company that manages the retail and commercial office park.

"We've got 1.3 million square feet of retail space, and a great mix of everything from well-known big box stores to small, intimate local retail shops."

Part of that feeling is created by the architecture of The Village Shops at Dartmouth Crossing. The buildings seem like they have been here for decades with their distinctive mixture of brick and stone claddings and turn-of-the-century style.

"We've got a great selection of eating establishments," McKinnon said.

Seamus David's Pub has a great Irish pub atmosphere and a beautiful patio right



Seamus David's Pub opened in March 2012. CONTRIBUTED

by the walking trail. The pub opened in March 2012 and was named after the owners' son and his two grandfathers, both from Portugal Cove, N.L., and of Irish descent. Dartmouth Crossing provided the perfect location for the owners to fulfil their dream.

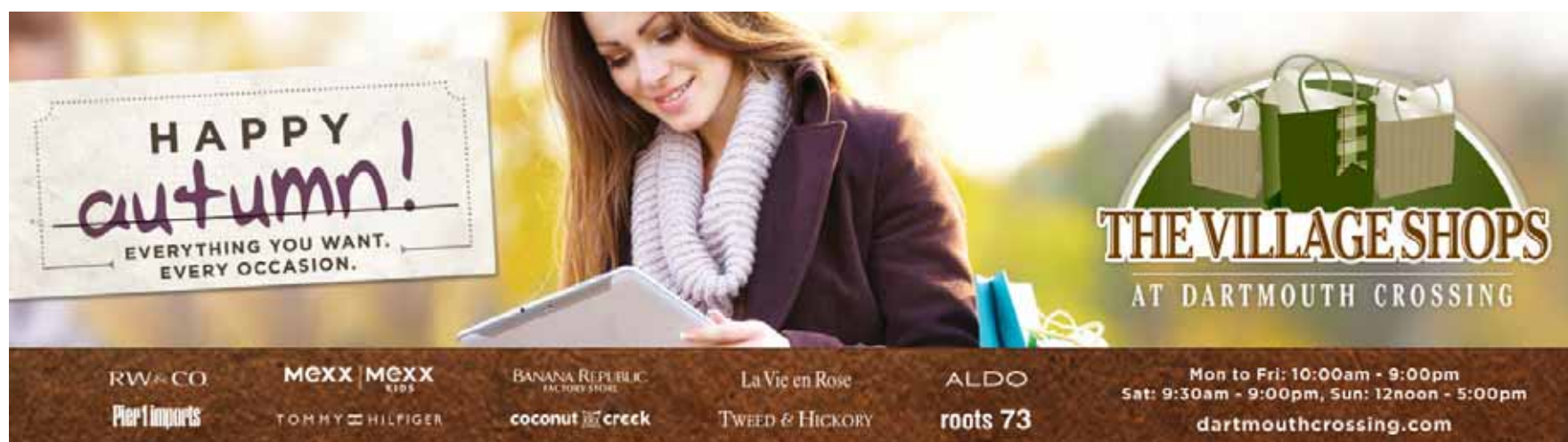
You will probably find any kind of food you are in the mood for at Dartmouth Crossing. There is even a bakery for dogs.

Dartmouth Crossing recently completed a five-storey office tower. Intact Insurance will be moving in Nov. 12

with 300 employees who will join the Dartmouth Crossing community.

McKinnon said Dartmouth Crossing offers a shopping experience that's unlike other malls and retail parks.

"There's a beautiful ambience here. You can stroll under the stars, listen to the live music that we often have playing. If it rains we even have complementary umbrellas for shoppers. Whether you're looking for fashion, home furnishing or one-of-a-kind gift items, we've got it all." **TOM MASON**



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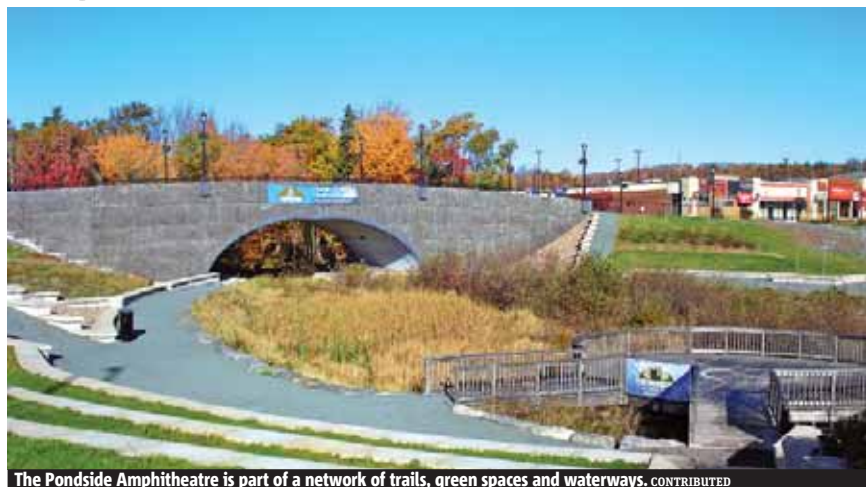
A performance by Elvis might not be exactly what's expected at Metro's newest shopping destination, but that's what happened over the summer at the Pondsides Amphitheatre at Dartmouth Crossing. Well, not exactly.

Actually, the show called Saving Graceland featured an Elvis impersonator, and was just one of a season of shows, events, yoga classes and fundraisers taking place at one of HRM's most unique performance venues.

The outdoor amphitheatre is part of a network of trails, green spaces, ponds and waterways that run beside Dartmouth Crossing.

"We are very proud of our commitment to the environment," said Ann-Louise McKinnon, general manager, Atlantic Region for CentreCorp Management Services Limited, the company that manages Dartmouth Crossing.

"When we built Pondsides Amphitheatre and Grassy Brook Park as part of our



The Pondsides Amphitheatre is part of a network of trails, green spaces and waterways. CONTRIBUTED

green space commitment to HRM, which has now become an HRM Park, we restored and remediated the many streams and brooks throughout Dartmouth Crossing that had been destroyed by previous quarry and asphalt operations. We are very pleased that the streams are flourishing with trout spawning and provide the second most important trout population

in Nova Scotia and has become a vital part of Nova Scotia's ecosystem."

That commitment is part of Dartmouth Crossing's appeal, McKinnon said.

"It's has a real community ambience."

Rick Norman is the general manager at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Halifax-Dartmouth. The Dartmouth Crossing hotel was the second lar-

gest Hampton property in the world when it opened for business.

"This is such a convenient location," he said. "Our guests can get downtown or to the airport in a matter of minutes, and they can find everything they want right here at Dartmouth Crossing. Any time a family stays here, they always want to come back. We love being here."

Retailers choosing Dartmouth Crossing

Sue Stanfield's outdoor active lifestyle store made quite a splash when it opened for business in Truro last year. It wasn't long before she began thinking about opening a second location in HRM.

Today, Take it Outside Inc. is the newest retailer on the Dartmouth Crossing Block.

"Dartmouth Crossing was a good choice for me," Stanfield said. "It's a fast growing shopping district and there are no stores like Take it Outside in the park. We're a small, locally owned business with functional and fashionable brands such as Canada Goose, ArcTeryx, Mountain Hardware, Asics, Saucony, Moving Comfort, Brooks Running, and Vivobarefoot. Our brands are perfect for the kind of customers who shop here and also for people working in the park."

Take it Outside joins dozens of other popular

shops, restaurants and businesses at HRM's newest and fastest growing shopping district, everything from well-known national brand stores to small, independent retailers.

"You can find something for everyone right here," Stanfield said.

The Village Shops at Dartmouth Crossing offers a particularly unique shopping experience that is guaranteed to please even the most discerning shopper, with all the latest fashions, gift ideas, one-of-a-kind items and much more.

Along with great selection comes the kind of individualized service and attention to detail that one might expect from a small-town shopping experience. It's all wrapped up in a quiet village atmosphere complete with cobblestoned sidewalks that's like nothing else in Atlantic Canada. **TOM MASON**

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Leafs forward Phil Kessel scores a goal against Oilers goalie Richard Bachman on Tuesday night in Edmonton. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Oilers get their Phil of Maple Leafs star

NHL. Kessel has a hand in each of Toronto's goals in shutout of Edmonton

Phil Kessel had two goals and two assists on Tuesday as the Toronto Maple Leafs won their second game in a row, defeating the Edmonton Oilers 4-0.

James van Riemsdyk and Nazem Kadri also scored for the Leafs (9-4-0) who have won three of their last four to take over sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division,

On Tuesday	
4	0
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moving ahead of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

James Reimer stopped 43 shots for his 11th career shutout.

Richard Bachman stopped 22 shots for the Oilers (3-9-2), who have now lost four

straight.

Edmonton outshot Toronto 43-25.

Toronto started the scoring just over a minute into the game on their first shot of the contest. Kadri made a nice play to hook a pass to a hard-charging Kessel on his way to the net and he was able to fake out Oilers goalie Bachman with a quick move to score his eighth goal of the season.

Bachman was able to keep it a one-goal game early in the second on a big glove save on Mason Raymond, but couldn't do it again a minute later as Kessel dished a 2-on-1 pass

off to van Riemsdyk, and he chipped it into the net.

Toronto went up 3-0 with 11 minutes left in the second period as Bachman lost track of a deflected shot that went behind the net and Kessel displayed his skill by barely pulling the puck over the goal line before putting it in the roof of the cage for his second goal of the night.

The Maple Leafs added to their lead six minutes into the third period as Morgan Rielly finished off a tic-tac-toe passing play by rifling a puck off of Kadri and in.

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Penn State scandal

Paterno family seeks reversal of NCAA sanctions

A hearing on a lawsuit filed by the family of longtime Penn State football coach Joe Paterno began Tuesday as his relatives seek to reverse the NCAA's penalties against the school over the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

The Paterno family contends the NCAA violated its own rules in imposing the sanctions, which resulted in, among other things, Paterno no longer being officially recognized as the Division I coach with the most wins, at 409.

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NBA

Heat rise past Rose's Bulls on ring night

They got their rings before the game, then a challenge as it was winding down.

The Miami Heat responded to both.

Shane Battier went 4-for-4 from 3-point range, including a critical one from the right corner with 1:33 remaining, and the Heat wasted most of what was a 25-point lead before holding off Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls 107-95 on Tuesday night in the season-opener for both teams.

LeBron James scored 17 points for Miami, which got its 2013 NBA championship rings in a pre-game ceremony. The Heat trailed 9-2 early, then outscored Chicago 52-24 over the remainder of the first half.

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Canadiens dim Stars for 3rd win in 4 games



The Canadiens' Alex Galchenyuk gets off a shot on net against Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen on Tuesday night in Montreal. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

Rene Bourque scored in the second period and Carey Price made 26 saves as the Montreal Canadiens downed the Dallas Stars 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Michael Bournival also scored for Montreal (8-5-0), which has won three of its last four games.

Cody Eakin replied for Dallas (5-6-1), which remained last in the Central Division.

Dallas outshot the Canadiens 27-24.

Both teams had played the night before, with Montreal winning 2-0 in New York and

On Tuesday	
2	1
Canadiens	Stars

the Stars taking a 4-3 decision in coach Lindy Ruff's return to Buffalo. Neither side had a lot of energy.

The Canadiens struck first as Raphael Diaz lofted a wrist

shot from the point to the far post that Bournival tipped off defenceman Stephane Robidas and past Kari Lehtonen at 12:02 of the first. The rookie Bournival has three goals and four assists in his last seven games.

Bourque put in a Diaz rebound 12:55 into the middle frame.

Dallas struck back when Eakin used P.K. Subban as a screen and fooled Price with a medium-speed wrist shot from outside the circles at 17:27. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swinging for the fences and a championship

Hot bat. Big Papi enters Game 6 hitting .773, on the brink of clinching World Series

The banner hangs from a light pole on the sidewalk outside Fenway Park.

It's a profile of David Ortiz with that infectious smile and the words "OCTOBER BASEBALL" beneath it.

He is, literally, the face of the Red Sox franchise.

This is, once again, his time of year.

"I don't think you could ever ask for more out of an individual than what he does on and off the field," Boston ace Jon Lester said. "The guy's got a heart of gold."

And a bat that keeps smacking balls past fielders and over fences.

One win from his third



Ortiz has one-third of Boston's hits against the Cardinals. The rest of the team is batting lowly .151. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

championship in 10 years, Ortiz will take a .733 World Series batting average into Game 6 on Wednesday night against the St. Louis Cardinals. Only Billy Hatcher did better in a single series, .750 in 1990 for the Cincinnati Reds when

they swept the Oakland Athletics.

But such World Series displays are nothing new to the only player left from the team that won the Red Sox their first championship in 86 years.

St. Louis saw that on Ortiz's first at-bat of the 2004 Series when he hit a three-run homer in Boston's 11-9 win. He batted .308 in a four-game sweep.

The Colorado Rockies saw it in 2007 when he went 3 for 5 in a 13-1 rout in Game 1. That time, he hit .333 in another sweep.

Now, he enters the potential clincher with 11 hits in 15 at-bats in this Series. He has two homers, two doubles, six RBIs, five runs and four walks.

Ortiz has one-third of Boston's hits against St. Louis, while the rest of the Red Sox are batting .151.

"I was born for this," he said. "We've got the best baseball fans and we enjoy this. Hopefully, this will get over tomorrow and they'll get to enjoy it like they always do. Party time."

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NHL

Kobasew joins other Pens players on injured list

Pittsburgh Penguins forward Chuck Kobasew is out for at least three weeks with a lower body injury.

Coach Dan Bylsma says Kobasew was hurt in the first period of Monday's 3-1 win over the Carolina Hurricanes.

Kobasew's injury came one game after the Penguins lost defenceman Rob Scuderi with an ankle injury that will require surgery.

The Penguins are already playing without forward James Neal (upper body), forward Beau Bennett (undisclosed injury) and goaltender Tomas Vokoun. Vokoun is out until at least January while he recovers from a blood clot.

Pittsburgh forward Brandon Sutter did not practice on Tuesday. His status for Wednesday's game against Boston is unclear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

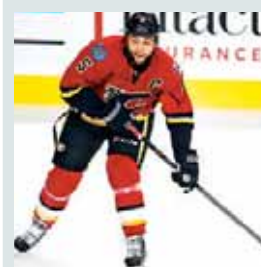
NHL

Flames captain out with broken ankle

Captain and No. 1 defenceman Mark Giordano is out for six to eight weeks with a broken ankle. He took a shot off the right ankle in the second period of a road game against the Los Angeles Kings on Oct. 21.

"It's brutal," Giordano said. "You don't want to miss any time, but if you have to you're hoping it's something not as significant as that time frame."

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Calgary Flames captain Mark Giordano.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Toronto	13	9	4	0	44	30	18
Tampa Bay	12	8	4	0	40	33	16
Montreal	13	8	5	0	37	23	16
Boston	10	7	3	0	30	17	14
Detroit	12	6	4	2	27	33	14
Ottawa	12	4	6	2	35	38	10
Florida	12	3	7	2	26	42	8
Buffalo	14	2	11	1	23	41	5

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	12	8	4	0	38	29	16
N.Y. Islanders	12	4	5	3	37	39	11
Carolina	12	4	5	3	26	36	11
Columbus	11	5	6	0	31	29	10
Washington	12	5	7	0	34	38	10
New Jersey	12	3	5	4	26	37	10
N.Y. Rangers	11	4	7	0	18	37	8
Philadelphia	11	3	8	0	20	30	6

Tuesday's results

Anaheim 3 Philadelphia 2
Chicago 6 Ottawa 5
Montreal 2 Dallas 1
New Jersey 2 Tampa Bay 1
N.Y. Rangers 3 N.Y. Islanders 2
St. Louis 3 Winnipeg 2
Toronto 4 Edmonton 0
Los Angeles at Phoenix
Monday's results
Chicago 5 Minnesota 1

NBA

REGULAR SEASON

Tuesday's results

Indiana 97 Orlando 87
Miami 107 Chicago 95
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
Indiana at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	11	10	1	0	35	16	20
Chicago	13	8	2	3	45	38	19
St. Louis	10	7	1	2	38	25	16
Minnesota	13	6	4	3	30	31	15
Nashville	12	6	5	1	23	32	13
Winnipeg	14	5	7	2	34	40	12
Dallas	12	5	6	1	31	36	11

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	12	10	1	1	48	20	21
Anaheim	13	10	3	0	42	33	20
Vancouver	14	9	4	1	41	39	19
Los Angeles	12	8	4	0	35	30	16
Phoenix	12	7	3	2	40	39	16
Calgary	11	5	4	2	34	39	12
Edmonton	14	3	9	2	36	54	8

Note: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss.

Dallas 4 Buffalo 3
Montreal 2 N.Y. Rangers 0
Pittsburgh 3 Carolina 1
Vancouver 3 Washington 2
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Toronto at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

MLS

PLAYOFFS

KNOCKOUT ROUND

(single-game elimination)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern

Colorado at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Thursday's game

Montreal at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 19

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Toronto	17	11	6	0	487	435	22
x-Hamilton	17	9	8	0	416	461	18
x-Montreal	17	7	10	0	436	451	14
Winnipeg	17	3	14	0	354	548	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Calgary	17	14	3	0	542	387	28
x-Saskatchewan	17	11	6	0	493	368	22
x-B.C.	17	10	7	0	478	454	20
Edmonton	17	3	14	0	391	493	6

x — clinched playoff berth.

y — clinched division.

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Calgary at B.C., 10 p.m.

Saturday's games

Hamilton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 5 p.m.

(End of Regular Season)

NFL

WEEK NINE

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern

Cincinnati at Miami, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, November 3

New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Washington, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Dallas, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New England, 4:25 p.m.

Baltimore at Cleveland, 4:25 p.m.

Indianapolis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, November 4

Chicago at Green Bay, 8:40 p.m.

MLB PLAYOFFS

WORLD SERIES

(BEST-OF-7)

BOSTON (AL) VS. ST. LOUIS (NL)

(Boston leads series 3-2)

Monday's result — Boston 3 St. Louis 1

Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern

St. Louis (Wacha 4-1) at Boston (Lackey

10-13), 8:07 p.m.

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- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual (std. 1.6); six-speed automatic (std. 2.0, opt. 1.6)
- **Base price (incl. destination)**
\$21,500



Design

Kia's design team, headed by ace shape-maker Peter Schreyer, has added to the wagon's aggressive nature by reducing the rear body overhang several centimetres, while pushing the left and right wheels as far apart as possible. The overall effect is that of an attractive Euro-style sport wagon.

Luxury class extras

In addition to the more commonplace power-operated sunroof and touch-screen navigation system, you can order leather-covered seats with front and rear cooling and ventilation, a 10-way power driver's seat with memory presets, a heated steering wheel and high-intensity discharge headlights.

Review. Quality Korean export goes way beyond simply being practical

MALCOLM GUNN
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Small cars such as the Kia Forte are at their best when they are shaped in the most practical body style possible. Not everyone subscribes to this postulation, which is why Kia and other automakers make sedan as well as hatchback or wagon versions of their compact automobiles.

For maximizing a minimal amount of space, especially with the rear seats folded down, the Kia Forte5 can literally work wonders by providing more passenger and cargo room than its sedan relation. The front-wheel-drive compact wagon also does it with more style, beginning with the front end where an aggressive-looking open-mouth nose piece replaces

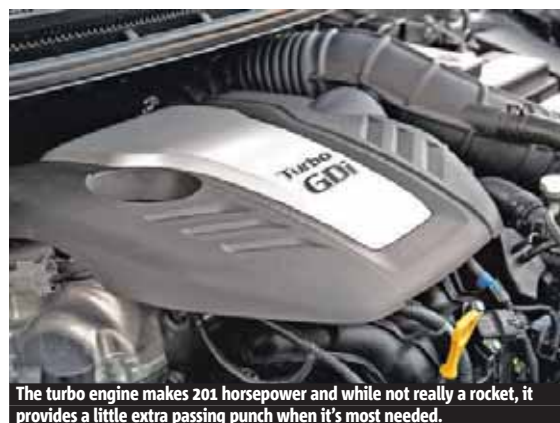
the Forte sedan's more traditional grille, which is different again from the 2014 Forte Koup.

As well, the wagon has been given a suspension setup that's tuned for sportier handling.

The Forte5's interior isn't quite as dramatic, but at least the dashboard and control panel appear intelligently laid-out, including large and easy-to-read gauges plus a generously sized display screen for the optional navigation system. For passengers, especially those in the rear seat, the wagon's five-centimetre stretch between the front and rear wheels provides some extra legroom.

Adding to the sport-wagon theme is a pair of stout little powerplants.

The starting-point EX runs with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder that produces 173 horsepower and 154 pound-feet of torque. The sportier side of the Forte5's demeanor is demonstrated with the up-level SX's turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder that



The turbo engine makes 201 horsepower and while not really a rocket, it provides a little extra passing punch when it's most needed.

pumps out 201 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque. Both engines use direct injection, whereby fuel is sprayed directly into the cylinders under extremely high pressure and not through the intake manifold.

Most automakers are adopting direct injection as a way to increase power (important on small-displacement engines) while reducing fuel consumption and curb-

ing emissions.

Kia (and its Hyundai parent) has so far resisted the growing shift to continuously variable transmissions that appears to be spreading throughout the industry. A traditional six-speed automatic is your only choice with the 2.0, while the turbo 1.6 can be ordered with a six-speed manual gearbox as well as an available six-speed automatic.

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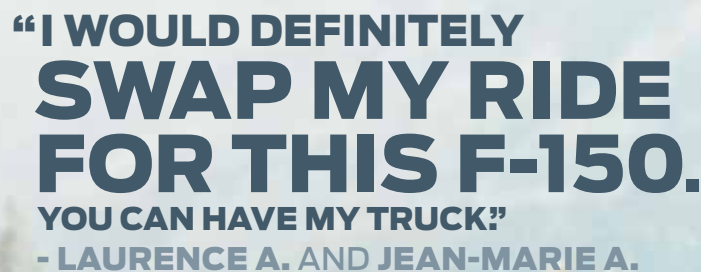
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Tricks and tips. How to winterize your driving and car for a safe start

Driving can be dangerous during harsh winter weather if your vehicle isn't properly prepared. Start off the season right by winterizing your vehicle before taking to the road. To make sure you and your vehicle are ready for the season, Good-year Canada has some useful tips to get you to your destination safely:

Service your vehicle

Make sure you have enough antifreeze and windshield wiper fluid. For a correct amount of antifreeze to withstand the winter temperatures, a 50/50 mix of antifreeze to water is sufficient. You can go through windshield wiper fluid in one snowstorm, so be sure to completely fill your vehicle's reservoir before the first snowfall hits.

Practice makes perfect

It's important to be alert

when driving on snow-covered roadways because winter hazards make it difficult to handle your vehicle. In order to know how your vehicle performs in the winter weather, it may be helpful to practise driving techniques in an empty, open parking lot.

Inflation is essential

Keep in mind that when the temperature drops, the air pressure in your tires also decreases. Proper tire inflation is essential for vehicle stability, fuel efficiency, optimum steering, grip, wear and load-carrying capabilities.

Easy does it

Remember to stay extra cautious of other vehicles when driving. Make sure you leave at least three times more space than usual between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

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Proper tire inflation is essential for vehicle stability, fuel efficiency, optimum steering, grip, wear and load-carrying capabilities. ISTOCK

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METRO

Seasons change — so should your tires



Winter driving conditions can be hazardous — from snow storms to black ice — so it's best to gear up with the proper tires, experts say. ISTOCK

Maximum control.

It's the quality of your tires that contributes the most to just how much traction your car really has

Always be prepared

It's important to be prepared in case something goes wrong and that includes a well-equipped emergency kit. What items should you include?

- A cellphone (if you don't carry one)
- First aid kit
- A candle and matches
- Bottled water and snacks
- A blanket, gloves, and additional warm clothing
- Flashlight and batteries
- Tire gauge and jumper cables
- Small tool kit

Car experts agree that when the seasons change — and the temperatures dip — drivers should also be thinking of an important switchover on their vehicles.

Despite motorists all across the country reminding themselves about replacing ice scrapers and snow brushes in their car trunks, there are still a large number of Canadians unsure of the benefits of winter tires for their vehicles.

The experts, however, concur — winter tires are highly recommended.

"This time of year serves

as an annual checkpoint and reminder for the importance of having proper winter tires on your vehicle," says Ian MacDonald, director of marketing at autoTRADER.ca.

"Too many fender benders and accidents are preventable for want of proper tires. It's an investment that pays off in peace of mind — knowing your vehicle can perform better despite the conditions," he says, adding that winter tires are a must-have for a number of scientific reasons.

Specialized for the season

Winter tires are made from rubber that has been specially engineered to maintain its elasticity in colder weather — which means they'll cut through ice and snow, gripping the road much better than summer or even all-season tires could ever hope to. Specialized tread also works to give drivers maximum control despite the weather.

Tech will only take you so far

While features that have become commonplace on many vehicles, such as Anti-Lock Brake Systems (ABS), four-wheel drive and traction control, are designed to help keep your car under control, they don't necessarily help it get more grip. It's the quality of your tires that contributes the most to just how much traction your car really has, and winter tires give you the lion's share of it.

A strategic purchase

While the initial financial investment in winter tires may make you want to put it off (as much as \$500, depending on the brand, including winter rims), swapping your winters for your all-seasons and back again as the weather changes means having to think less about needing new tires in general.

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Driving down the eco-fast lane

More drivers. Fuel costs might slow things down a bit, but Canadians are still driving more



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bounds can be the difference between registering a shut out and being on the ugly end of a blow out.

Controlling rebounds is

also part of the automotive environmental game, because every time there is an advance in this area there is a "rebound effect" to consider.

Basically it's a case of, if the technology makes driving cheaper and/or less of a guilt trip, then drivers will drive more.

It's a conundrum we've

faced many times. Calorie-reduced or fat-reduced snack food is a prime example. What we lose in calories per serving, we make up for in the number of servings. Just for the record, it says on my tube of "reduced fat" Pringles that 28 grams, or approximately 16 chips, is a "serving." I don't think so.



In the year 2025, cars are legislated to be more than 35 percent fuel efficient than they are today. ISTOCK

The automotive rebound is going to be particularly interesting to watch, because the reduced fuel costs and emissions come at virtually no expense to the driving experience. In fact, vehicles are getting more awesome. I could go on indefinitely about all the cool cars and features available today, but really just need to point out two items — heated steering wheel, heated and cooled driver's seat — because once your extremities are happy, your mood automatically follows.

We already don't need an excuse to drive more. More people have more places to go and more places to see. And more people want to own and drive vehicles. No surprise if I tell you there is more driving being done every year. A Statistics Canada survey estimated that, during 2009, Canadians drove their cars and light-duty trucks for a combined 293,298.8 million kilometres! In 2005, the number was 277,660.4 million. StatsCan doesn't do the survey any more, but I'm sure the numbers for 2013 would be up and

alarming.

And one wonders how much driving we'll be doing in the year 2025, when cars are legislated to be more than 35 per cent fuel efficient than they are today? In 2010 the sales-weighted fuel economy average of new passenger cars was 7.9 L/100 km. According to Environment Canada, the emission regulations will push that weighted average to 6.0 L/100 km in 2020, and to 5.0 L/100 km by 2025.

Congestion and increasing vehicle ownership and fuel costs might slow things down a bit, but I think we'll always be driving if we can — and they'll be more of us.

People are working on the congestion and ownership issues (smart grids, car sharing, self-parking, etc.), so if they net some gains and make everything nice, they will have their own "rebound effects" to add to the pile. Yeah, more vehicles built, fueled, driven, etc.

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Back in 1955, Dodge introduced a new model called La Femme. Aimed at women, it was painted in pastel colours, and included a matching raincoat and umbrella.

It failed, proving that it takes more than just a few "feminine touches" to appeal to female buyers. But while automakers generally know what won't work, it's an ongoing challenge to determine what does.

"I think women are misunderstood, and it's because

the industry assumes they're disinterested in cars, and find them boring and one-dimensional," says Rachel Nguyen, director of exploratory and advanced product planning for Nissan's head office in Los Angeles. "Instead, they see it in their lives, and if they will enjoy being in it."

"When women walk into a dealership, they don't say, 'Wow, look at that new grille, it's so great compared to the last generation.' They look at the whole thing, and it's more than just the product."

Nguyen works with teams of designers, engineers and planners to identify major

trends and customer needs, and also with consumers. While discussion groups are important, the company also uses immersion research that can include going into people's homes. "We're looking for insights," she says. "It's not typical market research. Immersing in these women's lives is where we gain our insight and tell us what we need to do."

This research has led Nissan to incorporate such things as lighting and materials to improve the vehicle cabin's appearance, along with practicality. On three-row SUVs, the second-row seat slides forward in such a way that if it has a car

seat on it, it's still easy to get into the third row. "We said, let's finally get it right where I don't have to move my kid out of the car seat to get my other kid into the back seat," Nguyen says. "We put our foot down, and put a push on engineering for that."

Women also want technology as much as men do, but it needs to be intuitive and easy to use. The company is continually working on designs that take the enormous amount of information available, and present it in formats that are accessible, affordable, and also minimize distraction. "It's the kiss of death to



Nissan used input from female customers to help design its new pathfinder.

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say that you're designing for their needs, you will capture women," she says. "If you meet the needs of everyone."

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Having given your word about something, you can't break it because circumstances have changed and it suits you to change too. If you do, your reputation will head south fast, and so will your finances.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Listen to your instincts today and do what they tell you. If you ignore them and lose out in some way, you will only have yourself to blame. Your inner eye sees everything.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You're not the type to follow the same path as everyone. You like to blaze a trail and that is exactly what you should do today. Some will criticize you — mainly out of envy.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If you must work almost non-stop, at least make sure you are working for yourself and not for people who benefit from your efforts. Better still, find a way to cut back on what you are doing. Put your wellbeing first.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You cannot change the world but you can change your own attitude — and that will be a thousand times more productive. Your ultimate responsibility is to yourself.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You want to be on the move and very soon you will be. Today, though, spend time checking and rechecking your plans, just in case you have missed something.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Do what your instincts tell you is right, even if it means you stir up powerful forces that see you as a threat. And don't listen to those who say the old ways are the best. What they mean is they benefit from them.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You want to protect your privacy but you also want to get out in the world. Somehow you will have to reconcile these two driving principles. Learn to compartmentalize your life.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You know exactly what you want to be doing and exactly what you ought to be doing and for once the two coincide perfectly. Both at home and at work life will be easy today.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be impatient to start something new but the planets suggest that for best results you should leave it a day or two. The approaching eclipse will focus your mind and your energy with laser-like intensity.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

What can you do to make the world a better place? Be a better person. That may sound a bit too simple but really it's the only viable course of action if you want to make a deep and lasting difference.

♓ Pisces

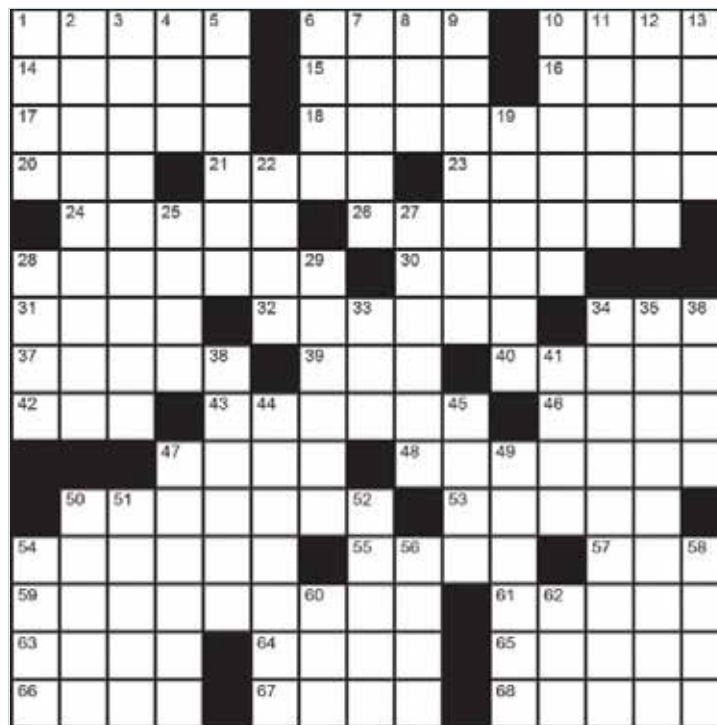
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be tempted to go public with news that makes a rival look bad but don't be too hasty. Do they know things about you that you don't want revealed? If so, think again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Mischief manufaturization
6. Madrid 'water'
10. Pepper
14. Pantheon of Norse gods
15. "... digress..."
16. 'Hypn' suffix
17. Ms. Stanger of "The Millionaire Matchmaker"
18. Labatt Blue, for one: 2 wds.
20. Coming-in-plane, e.g.
21. Potato chip brand
23. Skillfully sidesteps something
24. Sushi shapes
26. Operating Room professional
28. Artist of 1905 painting Woman with a Hat
30. Subatomic particle
31. Burden
32. Scarf-like garment
34. Detectives, for short
37. Monsters
39. Law: French
40. "Home" (1990)
42. TKO caller
43. Uses Twitter
46. Sky bear
47. Yes
48. Saskatchewan city since 1882
50. Judicious
53. Songbook standard: "You ___ Sunshine"
54. Suspect stories



55. Maori warriors' traditional war cry/dance
57. Traditional tree
59. Where to deposit a vote: 2 wds.
61. Q. "It's half past ___ my watch, what does yours say?" A. "Three o'clock, it

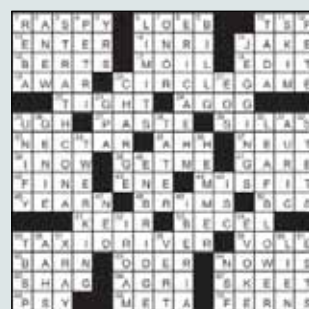
- must be fast."
63. Gawk at
64. Highway division
65. Singer Ms. Gorme (b.1928 - d.2013)
66. Towards BC
67. Energy units
68. CBC's "Republic of ___"

1. "___ Don't Preach" by Madonna
2. Change around
3. Sports stadium surface, sometimes
4. Puny parasite
5. Shrimp-like creatures
6. Donna Mills' role on "Knots Landing"

7. Jeans company
8. Sport-___ (All-purpose vehicle)
9. City near Calgary
10. 'See History Unfold' city in southern Manitoba
11. "Give ___." (Try)
12. Fabric fabricated

- from flax fibres
13. Flat-screen TVs, e.g.
19. Capital of Colombia
22. Abbreviated aide
25. Ms. Watier of cosmetics
27. Haughty
28. The Tragedy of Othello, the ___ of Venice (Shakespeare tragedy)
29. "Don't Walk Away ___" by Sam Roberts
33. The Raven poet's surname
34. 'City of the Arts', part of Metro Vancouver: 2 wds.
35. How some canned sardines are packed: 3 wds.
36. Sitcom star Mr. Hayes
38. Painter's abode
41. Gospel scribe
44. Do like Hulk Hogan
45. Drench
47. Rent out your apartment
49. - ___ movie
50. Beach: French
51. Streamlets
52. "___ Song" by Sisqo
54. "Take ___" by Madonna
56. Cans
58. Leg point
60. Prevent
62. Cheyenne's li'l state

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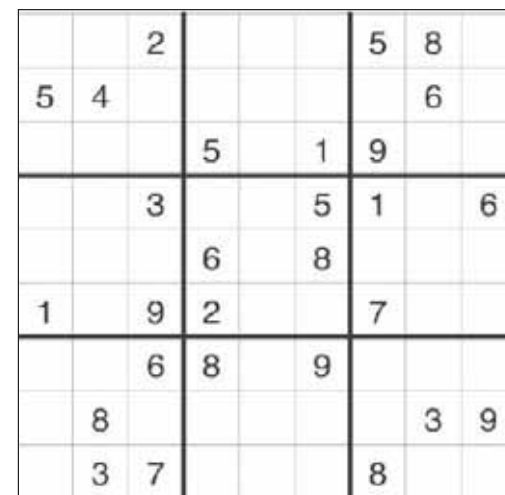


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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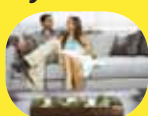


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